## LOCAL "STATE OF EMERGENCY" DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the Tribal Business Committee ("Business Committee") of the Ute Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation ("Tribe") is empowered by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah,

WHEREAS, to provide leadership and support to minimize the impact of disasters and other emergencies on the health, safety and property of the citizens of the U & O Reservation, their businesses and environment through a comprehensive, integrated emergency management program;

WHEREAS, beginning on or about May 20, 2011, severe flooding and landslides have and continue to occur throughout the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation, Utah;

WHEREAS, the flooding and landslides have caused and continue to cause, property damage, road closures, damage to critical infrastructure, homes and cultural sites, widespread debris, affecting oil and gas operations, potential hazardous materials releases, and impacted culinary water sources;

WHEREAS, the Ute Tribe and other supporting agencies providing emergency services and work have limited resources, and service capabilities;

WHEREAS, the Ute Tribe has exhausted most of its available funding;

WHEREAS, these conditions have the potential to worsen and immediate attention is necessary to alleviate the threat to the safety, health and welfare of the citizens on the Reservation;

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a "State of Emergency" according to Tribal, local and State statutes;

NOW THEREFORE, It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Emergency" and disaster exits due to the aforesaid severe flooding and landslide conditions on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation and such area is declared to be a disaster requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of tribal, state and federal statutes, the Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated.

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